

**IN THE CIRCUIT, CHANCERY, GENERAL SESSIONS/FAMILY, and
JUVENILE COURTS FOR WILSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

ORDER FILED

IN RE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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WILSON COUNTY, TN

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING PARENTING/CUSTODY SCHEDULE
IN CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNOR LEE'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS 22 AND 23**

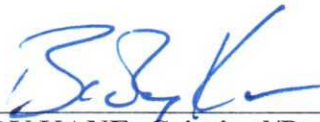
This Order is a standing order of the Circuit, Chancery, General Sessions/Family, and Juvenile Courts for Wilson County, Tennessee, that applies to every divorce case and other action involving the parent-child relationship filed in the above Courts. Hereinafter "child" refers to a child or children that is the subject of a Temporary Parenting Plan, Permanent Parenting Plan, or other Court Order setting a parenting or visitation schedule.

As of the date of this Order, transportation of children to effectuate visitation/parenting time is considered essential travel (see E.O. 22-8-e, 22-9-f, and 23). It is hereby **ORDERED** that existing Permanent and Temporary Parenting Plans shall remain in full force and effect, with the following exceptions/amendments:

1. If a child, parent or an in-home sibling or family member is diagnosed with COVID-19, that parent shall notify the other parent within four (4) hours of receiving the diagnosis; and the parents shall communicate and use common sense to act in the best interests of the child and all parties involved. In the event the parties are unable to agree, they must file an emergency motion with the court having jurisdiction over their Parenting Plan.
2. Parents must comply with the laws, directives, executive orders, etc. of their state of residence. Inasmuch as Tennessee law currently allows for travel to exchange children pursuant to parenting orders, all parenting orders shall remain undisturbed by this Standing Order, unless the child visitation exchange would require the parties to travel to or through a state that has issued a ban on traveling to effectuate child visitation exchanges, in which case the child shall be placed in the physical custody of the Primary Residential Parent until such time as the visitation exchange would not require any party to violate a state's executive order.
3. Parties and/or legal custodians are at liberty agree on alternate parenting time arrangements; however such arrangements shall be in writing, preferably signed by both parties, but an agreement via electronic communication, i.e. email, text, etc. will be acceptable under these circumstances. In the event of any missed visitation made necessary by the provisions of this Order, the custodial parent SHALL foster and encourage regular contact between the child and the parent who is forgoing visitation, including reasonable and liberal telephone and video conferencing privileges via FaceTime, Skype, Zoom, or other digital video platform.

WARNING TO PARTIES: FAILURE TO OBEY A COURT ORDER FOR CUSTODY OF OR ACCESS TO A CHILD MAY RESULT IN FURTHER LITIGATION TO ENFORCE THE ORDER, INCLUDING CONTEMPT OF COURT. A FINDING OF CONTEMPT MAY BE PUNISHABLE BY INCARCERATION IN JAIL, FINES, AND MONEY JUDGMENTS FOR ATTORNEY FEES AND COURT COSTS.

ENTER this the 7th day of April, 2020.



BRODY KANE, Criminal/Presiding Judge

Signed On Behalf Of:

CHANCELLOR C.K. SMITH

CIRCUIT JUDGE CLARA BYRD

GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGE BARRY TATUM

GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGE ENSLEY HAGAN